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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**Emergency Funding for New York City *Legionella* Outbreak**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing \$1,300,000 in urgent funding through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Cooperative Agreement to the New York City Department of Health (NYC HD) to combat an outbreak of *Legionella*. As of August 18, 2015 NYC HD has identified 127 cases and 12 deaths associated with this public health emergency. These funds will be used by NYC HD to 1) create sustainable environmental and laboratory capacity at NYC HD to respond to *Legionella* outbreak, 2) enhance laboratory capacity of detection, isolation, and molecular characterization of clinical and environmental

strains at the New York City public health laboratory, 3) include sequence-based typing and eventually whole genome sequencing, and 4) allow NYC HD to characterize the geographic distribution of Legionella strains throughout New York City, support the new public health engineering program to monitor the compliance of building owners with the new cooling tower regulations, and work with CDC to evaluate the impact of these regulations.

**DATES:** Effective date is date of publication in the Federal Register.

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